

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1-10 are amended, and claims 11-18 are added. Claims 1-10 are amended for clarity and conciseness. Claims 11-16 are based upon claims 2-4 and 6-8, but depend from claim 10, rather than claim 1. Claims 17 and 18 are supported by the original specification and drawings (see, for example, Fig. 1). Thus, no new matter is added by the above amendments.

The Examiner is requested to consider the information identified in the Information Disclosure Statements filed in this application on October 21, 2002, January 21, 2003, April 27, 2004 and July 14, 2004.

Prompt examination and allowance in due course are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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